

1. Discussion Objective:

Work Session Date: March 4, 2013

Discuss whether Council wishes to recognize all Town volunteers at a combined event.

2. Submitter of Information:

☐ Council
☒ Town Staff
☐ Town Attorney

3. Estimated Time for this item:


15 minutes

5. Background:

In discussion with Mayor Raymond and some Town volunteers, it was expressed that consideration be given to expanding the Town's Annual Volunteer Recognition to include those volunteers serving on Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees, as well as those assisting with other Town functions such as youth and senior programming, special events and fundraising efforts.

Department Heads have identified activities currently planned during National Volunteer Recognition Week, currently scheduled for April 21- April 27, 2013.

Council may elect to make modifications to the existing event, to determine the date of the event, and to determine who will be recognized.

Town Manager	Town Attorney	Finance Director	Public Works Director	Community Development Director	Parks & Recreation Director	Town Clerk
					<i>Patti Evans</i> 2.20.2013	

Memorandum

To: Acting Mayor Mandel and Town Council

Thru: Terry Stewart, Town Manager

From: Patti Evans, Director Parks and Recreation

Date: February 20, 2013

Re: 2013 Volunteer Recognition Week

PA Evans

Issue: National Volunteer Week will be celebrated this year from Sunday, April 21 thru Saturday, April 27, 2013.

Background: National Volunteer Week is a time to celebrate people doing extraordinary things through service. The theme captures the meaning behind this signature week – honoring the individuals who dedicate themselves to taking action and solving problems in their communities. In the past, the Town has hosted a dinner to recognize the Town Council appointed Board and Committee members.

It has been suggested that the Town host one large event for all Town volunteers. This would include our Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees, as well as the many other volunteers providing service to the Town including: Mound House Docents, Bay Oaks Recreational Campus special event volunteers and in general, any individual or organization who has contributed their time and talents to our Town. Further, the event could be opened to the volunteer and their immediate family. These are just a couple of ideas that have been suggested. The Mayor and Council are in a position to modify how we recognize our volunteers in the coming year.

An inventory has already been taken by Department Heads of other events that may conflict or be of concern with the Town hosting such an event during the established National Volunteer Recognition Week. We have identified the following:

- Currently, there is no Town Council meeting scheduled during this week.
- Historic Advisory Committee meets on 4.23.2013.
- CELCAB meets on 4.25.2013.
- Sundays are not good due to conflicts with some staff liaisons.
- Bay Oaks Poker Run is scheduled for 4.20.2013.
- Fort Myers Beach Film Festival is scheduled for 4.24.2013 - 4.28.2013.

Action Requested: Town Council to determine the type of recognition, whom to invite and the date of the event.